

# **Christ's United Lutheran Church**

Airport Road

R.D. 1, Ashland, Pennsylvania



**Service of Dedication**

**December 27, 1992**

**2:00 p.m.**



**“SHARE THE VISION”**. These words have served as a theme for our congregation as we have gone through this project to build a new worship facility. This building, which we dedicate today indeed was a vision that many of our members shared, a vision that has grown throughout our congregation and our community. Today, we gather together to worship God, giving him our thanksgiving and praise for this building, which we dedicate to serve the Gospel. We take pride in this building, and recognize that a part of our vision has been realized.

It is more important on this day, however, for us to realize that the vision we share continues. Our new facility now serves as a central location in which our congregation can gather for worship and from which we can go out into the world to do ministry. It is that ministry and that worship, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that is the true vision that we share. In the final analysis, this building serves as a tool to use to do the work. It is an important and beautiful tool. But, without the ministry that we do, without the vision of the Gospel that we share, it is an empty shell.

As we gather this day, congregational members, family and friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord. He has equipped us as his saints to carry a special message to the world. Today, we thank him for this accomplishment in His name, as we continue to “Share the Vision” of His Holy Gospel in worship, in ministry and in community with all God’s people here and everywhere.

In His Service,

*Pastor Jay*

Pastor Jay Serafin

# DEDICATION OF CHRIST UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1992 — 2:00 P.M.

SOLO

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Lift High the Cross" .....#377

INVOCATION:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Brothers and Sisters: We have come together to dedicate this church for the worship of almighty God and for the building up of the body of Christ. From this day forward let it be a place for the gathering of the people of God, a place for proclaiming the Gospel through Word and Sacrament, a place for bringing life and hope to us and to this community.

P: Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor and further us with your continued help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be to this house,

C: **And to all who enter here.**

PSALM 122: 1- 8 (read responsively) ..... Page 279

P: All your works praise you, O Lord,

C: **And your faithful servants bless you.**

P: (at baptismal font) Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. In the beginning your spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. You made water for us as a sign of rebirth, and by it we share in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. In joyful obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that new life may be given to all those who are baptized in this font which today we set apart.

To you, O God, be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: (at the pulpit) Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have revealed your love for your creation in your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspired by him, we seek to hold fast to the truth and to know your purposes. Purify the lips of those who speak here, and grant us grace to hear your love in all that is proclaimed from this pulpit which today we set apart; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: (at the altar) Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You nourish your people with the heavenly bread in Jesus Christ. Bless and sanctify all who receive his body and blood at this altar which today we set apart. Give them grace to live in faith and love throughout their lives, until at last we behold you face to face at the heavenly altar where your saints and angels praise you forever; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** (from center aisle) Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. The heavens and earth cannot contain you, yet you are willing to make your home in human hearts. We are the temple of your presence, and this building is the house of your Church. Accept us and this place to which we come to share with others the covenant you make through Holy Baptism, to praise your name, to receive your forgiveness, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and illumine your people. And now, O God, visit us with your mercy and blessing as we dedicate this house to your glory and honor and to the service of all people in name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

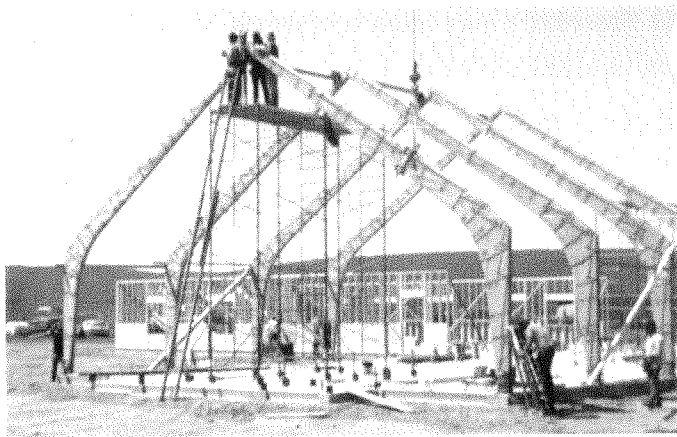
**P:** Let us pray.

Most high God, whom the heavens cannot contain. We give you thanks for the gifts of those who have built this house of prayer to your glory; we praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use will make it holy; and we pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with you joy and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "God's House" .....	Linda Parker Loucks
FIRST LESSON: Micah 6: 6-8	
CHILDREN'S CHOIR	
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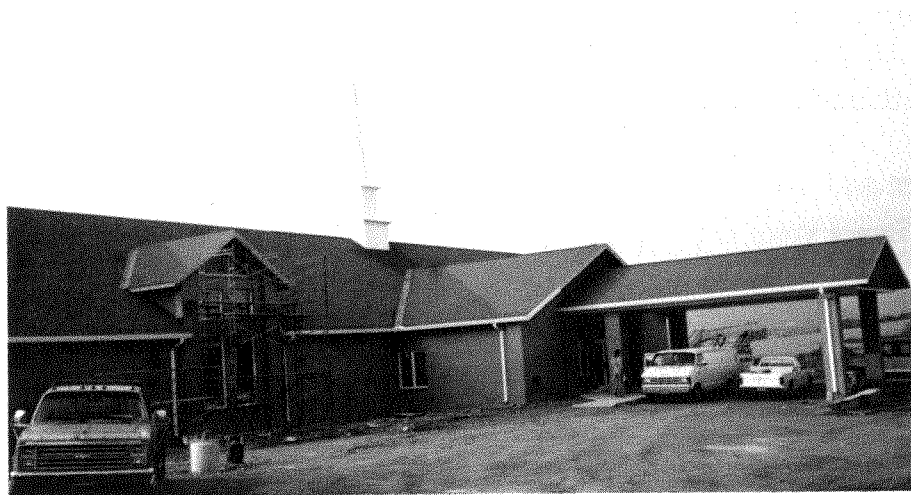
Placing the Beams — June 23, 1992



August 5, 1992



October 28, 1992



CULC Choir — Cornerstone Service  
November 8, 1992



## SPECIAL GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

The following gifts and furnishings have been given to the glory of God for our new church by the people listed below:

PIANO FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL Carrie Green	CHALK BOARD FOR CHURCH OFFICE Terry Shilling
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SANCTUARY LIGHT Robert and Gayle Rock	TWO CHOIR CHAIRS Darlene Stank
CHRIST CANDLE Connie Welker	CASH DONATION Jonathan Hand
MEMORIAL BOOK STAND Sarah Hapler Foran	FLATWARE Berner Family
TWO PEWS David Schweinhart	CELEBRANT'S CHAIR Annie, Julia, Helen and Jane nee McDermott
BAPTISMAL FONT Elmer and Betty Miller	ONE PEW Carl and Jane Pennypacker
ONE CHOIR CHAIR Heather Schweinhart and Heidi Butler	TWO CHOIR CHAIRS Carl Pennypacker
FILING CABINET FOR SECRETARY'S OFFICE Edward and Judy Stepulitis	ONE PEW Freda Burger
FOUR FOLDING CHAIRS Edward and Judy Stepulitis and Children	ONE CHANCEL CHAIR Mr. and Mrs. Mark Boyer and Children
PASTOR'S DESK AND CHAIR Mrs. Clara Schweinhart	ONE PEW Mr. and Mrs. Donald Klinger
TWO TABLE LAMPS FOR PARLOR Mrs. Mary Dietrich	ONE CHOIR CHAIR Carrie Green
100 CUP COFFEE MAKER Lutheran Church Men	OFFERTORY TABLE Ruthann Wetzel
ALTAR 'LUTHERAN' EMBLEM WINDOW Joseph, Paula and Wendy Chuplis	ONE FOLDING CHAIR Jason Boyer
ONE PEW Connie and Evert Welker	ONE FOLDING CHAIR Jessica Boyer
PIANO FOR SANCTUARY Ruth and Jeanette Wolfgang, Betty Orzech, Jean Cress	ONE PEW Carrie Houser, Sons and Family
GUEST REGISTER STAND Joan Purnell, Kay Rickard and Terry Shilling	ONE CHOIR CHAIR Ralph and Iva Wolfgang
CONFERENCE TABLE Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Chappell	ONE PEW Mrs. Luther Shuey
ONE PEW Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Chappell	CORNERSTONE Connie and Evert Welker
ONE PEW Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Stanitis	ONE FOLDING CHAIR Jason Boyer and Jeanette Maher
WEED WACKER Jim Berner	ONE FOLDING CHAIR Jessica Boyer and Jeanette Maher
ONE PEW Anonymous	ONE PEW William J. Sell, Jr. and Donna LLOYD
PULPIT Family and Friends of Catherine Berner	ONE PEW Thomas Sell
ONE PEW Kathryn Sweinhart amd Marlin Sweinhart	TWO PEWS Dr. and Mrs. David Beyerle
ENTIRE NURSERY Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reichwein	DONATION TOWARD SOUND SYSTEM Margaretta Bolich
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TWO PEWS Harry and Myrtle Moll	THREE FOLDING TABLES Annise and Stanley Klinger
ALTAR Anonymous	

FIVE FOLDING CHAIRS  
Sherrie Klinger  
THREE CHOIR CHAIRS  
Anonymous  
ONE PEW  
Paul Wolfgang  
SINGLE CLASSROOM PACKAGE  
Suzanne, Marcus and Rebekah Peel  
ONE CHOIR CHAIR  
Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hepler  
SINGLE CLASSROOM PACKAGE  
Malcolm and Betty Boyer  
ONE KITCHEN STOVE  
Malcolm and Betty Boyer  
TWO CHOIR CHAIRS  
Daniel and Donna Cascarino  
CASH DONATION  
Carey B. Quesada  
ONE CHOIR CHAIR  
Ruth Stanitis  
TWO CHOIR CHAIRS  
Joan Purnell, Kay Rickard and Terry Shilling  
CHRISTIAN AND AMERICAN FLAGS  
Family and Friends of Alex Wolfgang  
ONE PEW  
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CASH DONATION  
Elsie K. Smeltz  
ONE BULLETIN BOARD FOR CLASSROOM  
Carl and Emma Johnson  
ONE END TABLE FOR PARLOR  
Cheryl, Rusty and Brian McAndrew  
ONE CHALK BOARD FOR CLASSROOM  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Young  
TWO CLASSROOM CHAIRS  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Young  
BOOKCASE FOR PARLOR  
Bernard and Dorothy Zeigenfuse  
ONE PEW  
Cyrus and Jason Clark and David and Renee' Neidig  
ETCHED GLASS PANEL DOORS (SANCTUARY/  
NARTHEX)  
Oscar and Rhea Troutman  
ONE END TABLE FOR PARLOR  
Kervin and Wilda Bolich  
CASH DONATION  
John, Cheryl and Jennifer Denchak  
CASH DONATION  
Robert and LaRue Hummel  
CASH DONATION  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hird  
MICROWAVE OVEN, INDUSTRIAL MEAT SLICER, MISC.  
KITCHEN ITEMS  
CULC Members and Friends  
TWO TRIANGULAR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN  
SANCTUARY  
Marian Brennan  
SINGLE CLASSROOM PACKAGE  
Tony Warcola  
ONE KITCHEN STOVE  
Norman and Betty Moll  
ONE PEW  
Samuel Troup, Sr. Family

FOUR CLASSROOM CHAIRS  
Samuel Troup, Sr. Family  
CASH DONATION  
Tesno Families  
FROSTED GLASS IN DOORS BEHIND ALTAR  
Carolyn and Doris nee Neidig  
ONE PEW  
The Donald Klinger Family  
FOUR CLASSROOM CHAIRS  
Family and Friends of Carl Sell, Jr.  
CASH DONATION  
Connie Welker  
TABLE AND TRACK RACK FOR NARTHEX  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Hepler  
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bendinsky and Mr. and  
Mrs. David Shearn  
CASH DONATION  
Kathy and Heather Richards  
OUTDOOR CHURCH SIGN  
John L. and Cora Grove  
ONE PEW  
Mr. and Mrs. Al Derr  
ONE CHANCEL CHAIR  
Mr. and Mrs. Al Derr  
ONE COATRACK FOR CLASSROOM  
Carl Sell, Sr.'s Nieces and Nephews  
ONE FOLDING CHAIR  
Carl Sell, Sr.'s Nieces and Nephews  
ONE SET BLUE PARAMENTS  
Family and Friends of Catherine Berner  
ONE SET WHITE PARAMENTS  
Roger and Anna Neumeister  
ONE SET GREEN PARAMENTS  
Gladys and Guy Moyer, Grace and Blair Weist  
ONE SET RED PARAMENTS  
Beth Andrews, Malcolm and Betty Boyer  
ONE SET PURPLE PARAMENTS  
Robert and Carla Mae Carl  
THREE FOLDING CHAIRS  
Jimmie and Gail Wolfgang  
COMMUNION RAIL  
Anonymous  
FOUR ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER ROBES AND ROPES  
Connie Welker  
TWO HYMN BOARDS  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wink  
COMMERCIAL DISHWASHER  
Forrest and Dorothy Shadle  
TWO TABLE CADDIES  
Family and Friends of Catherine Berner  
FOUR FOLDING CHAIRS  
Family and Friends of Catherine Berner  
WHEELBARROW  
Ted and Penny Shadle  
CASH DONATION  
Harry T. Derr  
ALTAR LINENS  
Ivan Sweinhart Family  
ONE FOLDING CHAIR  
Ivan Sweinhart Family  
DONATION TOWARD SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM  
Friends of Esther and Michael Warcola

Groundbreaking — April 11, 1992



**GENERAL CONTRACTOR, ARCHITECT,  
SUBCONTRACTORS & SUPPLIERS**

General Contractor .....Harold M. Blacker  
Architect .....Wayne Batten  
Surveyor .....Walter Manhart  
Landscaping .....CULC Building Committee  
Excavation .....CULC Building Committee  
Well Driller .....Paul Shiffer  
Septic System .....Robert Tiley and Robert Carl  
Paving .....Mecley's Limestone Products  
Sound System .....Omega Electronics  
Concrete and Carpentry .....Harold M. Blacker  
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Stained Glass .....Bill Vogt (Jean's Stained Glass)  
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Site Engineer .....Al Benesch Co. (Gregg Brennan)  
Aluminum Facia System .....Joe Vasilik  
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Malcolm Boyer  
Marian Brennan  
Connie Welker

**INTERIOR  
DECORATING  
COMMITTEE**

Carla Mae Carl  
Jack Houser  
Betty Miller  
Margaretta Bolich  
Pastor Jay Serafin

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## **HISTORY OF CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Christ's United Lutheran Church officially came into existence on January 1, 1969, as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Ashland; St. John's Lutheran Church, Kimmels; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Gordon; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lavelle; and Zion Lutheran Church, Girardville merged to form one congregation. This move became necessary because of a scarcity of ministers and because of the proximity of the five joining congregations. A congregational council was set up, and a system evolved whereby each "chapel" held its own worship services, but in which business matters were decided by the congregation and its council. Also, the pastors were called by the congregation.

Over the next 23 years, CULC busied itself with doing ministry throughout northern Schuylkill County, and as a member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (formerly the Lutheran Church in America) throughout the world. In 1978, Good Shepherd, Ashland, felt that it had a ministry of its own to provide, and pulled out of Christ's United, leaving four chapels to make up the congregation. Then, in the late 1980's, the congregation began to feel the need to move in a new direction and centralize its ministry. In 1989, the congregation began to take steps to build a new church facility which would serve the needs of the entire congregation. By a vote of the congregation held on January 31, 1988, the congregation took a leap of faith and decided to build a new church building. Shortly thereafter, feeling that it had its own ministry to fulfill, Zion, Girardville became a separate congregation. In 1992, as plans for the actual construction were finalized, St. Paul's, Gordon also became an independent congregation. In the meantime, on April 11, 1992 ground was broken for the construction of the new building. Throughout 1992 excitement was high as we watched the beams put up, the roof put on, the bricks laid and a new building appear before our eyes. This day, December 27, 1992, marks the official dedication of this project and the culmination of many years of work.

We rejoice in the ministry we have provided over the years and in the ministry that will continue from this place. We share many memories of good friends who were a part of our adventure but who are no longer with us. We take pride in our community and in our associations with so many brothers and sisters in Christ with whom we share ministry. And we look forward to the ministry that is ongoing, the service that we do in the name of our Savior. May God bless our future as He has blessed our past, and may our ministry thrive and prosper for the sake of the Gospel.

### **C.U.L.C. Pastors**

Rev. Joseph A. Serafin  
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 Rev. T. Lee Berry  
 Rev. Mark Fritch  
 Rev. Charles Mertz  
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